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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	US 6 187 365 B1 (VAGHELA MADANSINH ET AL) 13 February 2001 (2001-02-13) * examples 1, 2; claims 1, 9 and 15 *	1-14
Y	US 2003/104004 A1 (BODOR JANOS ET AL) 5 June 2003 (2003-06-05) * '0070! - '0074! *	1-14
A,P	EP 1 449 441 A (UNILEVER PLC; UNILEVER N.V) 25 August 2004 (2004-08-25) * '0007! and '0027! - '0030!; claims 1, 4, 5 and 7 *	1-14

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Patent family members are listed in annex.

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This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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- The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
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1. claims: 1-14

Method for producing a frozen aerated confection having an overrun of at least 15%, said method comprising quiescently freezing a mix containing a carbon dioxide generating composition, wherein said mix does not comprise a gel.

2. claims: 15-16

A frozen confectionery product comprising a plurality of discrete water ice pieces, wherein said water ice pieces are aerated.

3. claim: 17

Use of a CO₂ generating composition to aerate a frozen confection, wherein the mix does not comprise a gel.

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